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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FEDERATION HOLDS SUCCESSFUL
PORT WORKERS SEMINAR

REF: LISBON 4856

1. THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
FEDERATION (ITF) HELD A SEMINAR ON TRADE UNIONISM FROM
NOVEMBER 4 THROUGH 8 FOR SOME TWENTY-FIVE PORT WORKERS FROM
PORTUGAL'S MAJOR PORTS. ALTHOUGH THE ITF REPRESENTATIVES
(TWO FROM U.K. AND ONE BELGIUM) HAD TO WORK THROUGH SIMUL-
TANEOUS TRANSLATION FACILITIES THERE WAS A GOOD RECEPTION BY
THE PORTUGUESE PORT WORKERS AND THE SEMINAR IS CONSIDERED TO
HAVE BEEN HIGHLY WORTHWHILE.

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2. COMMENT: PROGRAMS SUCH AS THIS BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE

SECRETARIATS ARE CURRENTLY FREE LABOR'S BEST TOOL IN COMBATING
THE COMINANCE OF THE ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT BY THE PORTUGUESE
COMMUNIST PARTY. THE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF THE TRADITIONAL
INDEPDENDENCE OF THE TRADE SECRETARIATS BUT HOPES THAT OTHERS
CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO SPONSOR SEMINARS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
OCCUPATIONAL AREAS.
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